



THE MESSENGER

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life. John 3:16*

THE NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2022

*Faith's Mission is to reach people, young and old, who need Christ
in their lives, and to help them know, love and serve Christ.*



from the Interim Pastor

Greetings to all the servants at Faith Lutheran Church!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems that the Minnesota winter is still hanging in there. We get glimpses of what is to come. There are a few nice days, well, warmer anyway. But for time being we have snow flurries, an occasional rain shower, and

of course, the cooler temperatures. Hurry up Spring, hurry up! It is time for boating, camping, barbecuing, biking, hiking, or picnicking. And of course, it's time for those long-awaited summer vacations. Can you tell that I'm getting excited?

We have come through a "tough" time here at Faith. But only if we look at it through the lens of Lent. We saw Jesus go through so much suffering, heartache, despair, and then to an ugly death on a cross.

We had the first Maundy Thursday Seder Meal here at Faith. It was "tough" to realize the betrayal of Jesus and "tough" to taste the bitter herbs. Many thanks to all those who made the Seder Meal possible and for giving us an awesome experience.

We have come through a "great" time here at Faith. We saw, read, and heard that Jesus Christ rose from the dead! What a glorious event! We had singing, celebrating, laughing, and if you can believe it, we did all that at church! What a great Easter Worship we had! I especially liked all the laughing and talking and smiling. I left church on a "high." It was so good.

More good things are coming. Confirmation will soon be upon us as we gather together six fine young people and envelop them in our congregation, "confirming" them deeper and deeper into the church's ministry.

The call committee and church council are doing good work and moving us ahead, with an eye out for future possibilities.

Once again, I am here with you and for you. We are all in this together so it is my intention to help you with the best of my ability, not only to get you through this transitional period, but also to help you move forward to a bright future.

God's peace to all of you. Take care, be not afraid, for God is with us all. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Scott Block

OFFERING ENVELOPE REMINDER

The church council would like to thank all of you for your generous donations this past year. We are exceedingly grateful for your financial support to the church as well as donations of your time and talent. We have been blessed with an amazing church family!

For the past several months, congregational giving towards our monthly mortgage payment has fallen short. If you would like to contribute towards the building fund, please make that notation on your offering envelope. Any checks or cash not marked specifically towards the building fund, go to the general operating fund. **General operating fund money can't be used to pay the mortgage.**

If you are in need of offering envelopes or are interested in electronic giving, please talk to Jana in the office 763-878-2092.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of all ages are invited to church for breakfast on Saturday, May 7th, from 8:30-9:30 AM. Invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up on the information table in the narthex.

CHEESECAKE & COMEDY

Interested in an afternoon of good Lutheran humor? The Looney Lutheran's will perform at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo on Sunday, May 8th. Doors open at 3 PM with cheesecake and coffee before the performance at 4 PM. The event is called Cheesecake & Comedy - A Second Helping. The Basement Ladies will teach us how to eat healthy "the Lutheran Way" and the "food wheel" where all foods lead to hotdish.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Sign up in the narthex for the \$10 tickets. Payment is preferred at the time of sign up to Gloria Colbenson. Those attending can arrange to carpool with others on the list or drive directly to St. John's. *Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 1st.*

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

For the last seven months we as a congregation have been committed to the importance of investing back into our youth following the removal of the previously degraded playground equipment. Council members would like to give thanks to the many people who have contributed to the playground fund.

We now have over \$4,000 in the fund allowing us to purchase a new commercial grade swing set that is expected to be available the 3rd week in June given the current lead time. We also will be purchasing a new Rainbow Clubhouse PKG II Feature Model minus the swing that comes with this model; lead time is for the later part of May. We plan to continue with fund raisers to cover an additional \$2,400 required to cover the balance.

Thanks to the many people for your continued support! These are exciting times and it will be a blessing to our kids for a generation to come.

God's Blessings, Council members



THANK YOU

I would like to give many thanks to all those that showed up and did such a great job cleaning the church inside and out.

God's Blessings to all!
Building & Grounds, Kerry



37th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

It's hard to think fall festival when we're still waiting for spring to arrive. The first fall festival planning meeting met to set a date of September 11th for our festival.

Council members each chose a team to lead. Team leaders are:

- Food/kitchen - Steve Lichtenberg
- Live auction - Kerry Johnson
- Country store - Kim Garberich
- Ordering table/chairs/tents/set-up/tear down - Mark Gilberts
- Silent auction and advertising -Gloria Colbenson
- Kids activities - church youth

If you have an interest in one or more of these areas, please contact that team leader and let them know. We need to get everyone involved in making the 2022 fall festival a huge success.

What can you do now? Plant some extra vegetables and tomato plants. Put September 11th on your calendar and start sharing it with your friends and family. As you spring clean, put aside anything that could go on the live auction or new items for the silent auction baskets.

There will be several updates on the planning process to get everyone involved. Our next planning meeting is June 16th at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2022

The Council meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was called to order by President Kim Garberich at 7:00 PM. Present: Pastor Scott, Kim Garberich, Kerry Johnson, Mark Gilberts, Steve Lichtenberg, Gloria Colbenson, Pat Zierden. Absent: Jim Olsen

Pastor Scott opened with prayer.

Kim made the announcement that Jim Olsen has resigned from the church council effective April 21, 2022. Jim stated he wants to remain on the call committee and direct his full attention to that committee. The council discussed a replacement, but decided we vote for three council members at the 2023 annual meeting with one candidate filling Jim's remaining term.

Minutes Gloria Colbenson:

Minutes were already approved and printed in the April newsletter.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Scott:

Pastor Scott reported making hospital and home visits.

Holy Week was busy with all the services.

Six students will be confirmed May 1.

Will start making more home visits.

Evolution Technology will upgrade the church internet/wifi.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Zeirden: Pat reviewed the treasurer's report showing a decrease in giving to the building fund. We will watch this closely. Comment was made it's very important that members mark their envelopes to the designated area of their choice of either general or building fund. If it's not marked, the monies go into the general fund. Gloria made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kerry second. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Report - Kerry Johnson:

Utility Rooms - options to address the safety concerns for items that should not be stored in the electrical/furnace rooms will require an option to approach Rose and discuss turning the storage room in chapel to a place for cleaning supplies and other storage as well. These utility rooms are limited to any storage and we must get them back to meeting the required fire code. Tabled for further discussion or options. No motion to move forward at this time.

Kerry is ready for clean-up day Saturday, April 23.

The front door lock needs to be fixed. Kerry will follow-up on repairs.

Old Business:

Financial Audit for 2021 is not completed.

Non-monetary donation policy was written by Gloria Colbenson for the council to approve. A motion was made by Steve to accept the policy. Mark second. Motion carried. The policy will be posted on the church bulletin board, printed in the newsletter and added to the church constitution as a continuing resolution. (See policy attached to the minutes.)

New Business:

Call committee update was given by Pastor Scott. The committee is developing a pastor profile from the congregation's Listening Vision Sessions held in February. Committee felt there is no need for a congregational survey as planned with sufficient information already received. Once the profile is complete, the position will be posted on the LCMC website.

Fall Festival: Kim reported the first fall festival meeting was held in April. The date was set for Sunday, September 11, 2022. Committee leaders were chosen and more info will be coming in the future weeks to start the planning process. Next meeting is Thursday, June 16, 6:00 pm.

Playground: Kerry reported that Rainbow Midwest Playground in St. Cloud has a special of 50% off plus another \$500 off on the choice of playgrounds. We have enough funding to put a purchase agreement on a large heavy industrial cedar clubhouse playground with a climbing wall, picnic table and slide for the price of \$4,649. There will be an additional fee of \$300 for delivery and set-up by Rainbow Midwest. A separate heavy duty swing set will be purchased. Fundraising will continue to pay the remaining balance. Steve made the motion to go forward with the playground purchase. Mark Second. Motion carried.

Advertising for the church was discussed. Gloria will check with Fibernet about their TV advertising channel. Permission was previously given by Summit Stone in Hasty to put a church sign on their property. Gloria will contact the Wright County traffic engineer about a sign on the corner of county road 8 and highway 75.

Pastor Scott mentioned Jana Stockham, church secretary, has been employed by the church for 16 years and her pay is way below the average pay scale. Gloria made the motion to give Jana a pay increase beginning April 25, 2022. Mark second. Motion carried.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord 's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Colbenson, Secretary

**Faith Lutheran Church
Non-Monetary Donation Policy**

When individuals donate an item to Faith Lutheran Church, the donor must agree to the following policy:

The item must be in clean and useable condition. The item will be reviewed and approved by Faith Lutheran Church council and deemed a necessity for the church. Once an item is donated to the church it becomes property of the church. Therefore, use or disposal of the said item is at the sole discretion of the church council and/or church staff. Tax monetary donations forms will not be provided by the church.

Item Donated _____

Donated By _____ Date _____

Approved By _____ Date _____

Policy established by Faith Lutheran Church Council April 21, 2022

- 2- Todd Roberts
- 2- Pete & Cindy Kissinger
- 3- Sharon Johnson
- 5- Rita Zierden
- 8- Jo Havel
- 11- Yvonne Hogie-Streich
- 12- Kim Landecker
- 14- Laura Brecht
- 17- Ralph & Karen Mason
- 23- LaVon Johnson
- 24- Pete & Robin Schmitz
- 25- Don & Yvonne Hogie-Streich
- 28- Chuck & Jenny Bray

God bless you on your special day!

If you see a mistake or an omission,
please contact the secretary so she can
update the records:
763.878.2092 or faithlutheran@tds.net.
Thanks!





A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ ○
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 so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
 the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.